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FISH CANNERS SIGN NEW CONTRACT; GOOD PAY INCREASE WON

A new contract was negotiated and signed last week by the Monterey Food Processors, covering employees of the sardine industry who are members of the Monterey County Fish Cannery Workers Union of the Pacific.

Lester Caveny, union business agent, reported that increases included 16 cents per hour in all classifications, and 19 cents per hour for packers, repackers, packing checkers, can feeders.

Monthly salaries employees receive an increase of \$40 per month, while night watchmen receive increases of \$32 per month. Piece workers also won a substantial raise.

The average, Caveny added, is from 20 per cent as high as 25 per cent in some classifications.

The contract runs from March 14, 1946, to July 31, 1947, and supersedes the former 1945-46 contract which would have run until next July 31.

Signing of the contract prior to the start of the regular sardine canning season, August 1, marked the first time in the union's history that a raise in pay will be available for summer workers. The workers during the summer months will gain more than \$100 from the early contract negotiations.

The negotiations were conducted quietly and with unusually good accord on the part of both the employers and the union committee. Membership of the union approved the proposed new contract at a special meeting March 14, by a good majority, although a split vote, Caveny said.

CLERKS SIGN THREE MARKETS AT SALINAS

The Retail Clerks Union of Salinas continued its organization activities last week by signing three more markets to union agreements, reports James Thompson, international organizer.

Signed were Ruben Reitz Market, Main and John streets; Little's Market, Hebron and E. Market St., and Turner's Market, 201 Williams Road.

Thompson said the union has signed up a majority of the employees of the two Purdy Stores in Salinas, also.

Council Donates \$50 Toward Fund For War Veteran

Donation of \$50 to the McBride fund was voted by the Salinas Labor Council at its last meeting. According to local veterans, McBride, totally blind, is the only local war casualty. The veteran is 24 years old. The donation is part of the fund of \$10,000 set to equip McBride with a home and give him a new start in life.

Monterey CLC Sending Two To Sacramento

Two representatives of the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council at Monterey will attend the California State Federation of Labor political endorsement conference at Sacramento this weekend.

Secretary-Treasurer Wayne Edwards and Steve (Red Dwayne) Smario, business agent of Barten 483, have been delegated to make the trip.

Sumner, Pioneer Of Milk Drivers, Dies in Chicago

Steve Sumner, founder of the Chicago Milk Drivers Union (AFL), died here at the age of 95. Sumner retired as head of the union in 1938 after a colorful 37-year career during which he successfully fought efforts of racketeers to take over his organization.

When the Al Capone mob tried to get control of the union, Sumner fortified his office and home with guns, guards and bullet-proof glass and drove around in an armored car bought from Samuel Insull.

In 1931 he paid a \$50,000 ransom to gangsters who kidnapped the union president, Robert G. Fitchie.

FED. COURT RULES 'SUPER-SENIORITY' CLAIM UNJUSTIFIED

(Release from Office of California State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.

The confusing and contradictory interpretations of the re-employment rights of veterans under the GI Bill of Rights, as reflected in the issue of superseniority which was propounded by General Hershey, is gradually being cleared up.

General Hershey's interpretation of superseniority created a situation that could be disposed of only by the courts. As a consequence, a number of cases involving the rights of non-veterans or veterans of World War I as opposed to the rights of veterans of World War II have gone to the courts.

The early decisions set forth by the Federal District Courts upheld General Hershey's contentions that a veteran of World War II is entitled to reinstatement and to employment for a period of at least one year following his discharge from the army, without regard to the seniority of any non-veteran. It is only in the past six weeks or so that two decisions holding to the contrary have been rendered by the Federal District Courts.

These latter two decisions, which were reported in previous issues of the News Letter, were still decisions of the lower Federal Courts, and could not be held to be binding. REVERSE DECISION

Last week, however, word was received that the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Second District (New York) reversed the first adverse decision which had been rendered in the Fishgold case. (Fishgold v. Sullivan Dry Dock & Repair Corporation, U. S. District Court, E.D.N.Y. Aug. 30, 1945.)

In this case, Fishgold, a welder, had been inducted into the army and upon his release was reemployed. When curtailment was necessary, however, it was carried out in accord with the principles of seniority as embodied in a collective bargaining agreement. There were "forty-six men and five snappers," non-veterans with greater seniority than Fishgold, who were not laid off. Fishgold claimed that under the GI Bill of Rights he could not be laid off until all non-veterans were laid off, regardless of their seniority. These claims were upheld by the Federal District Court in a decision by Justice Matthew T. Abruzzo.

CASE IS APPEALED

The case was then appealed to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, and in a decision written by Judge Learned Hand, one of the most distinguished justices on the Circuit Court bench, the lower court decision was reversed and the opinion of General Hershey was contradicted. The text of the decision has not yet reached here, but upon its arrival an analysis will be made for the News Letter.

The important fact to be remembered at this time is that this is the first time a higher Federal Court has ruled against the concept of superseniority. But it must also be remembered that the ultimate decision is to be made by the United States Supreme Court.

Doctors Pay \$25 For Fighting Insurance Of Health, Reported

Detroit, Mich. About 2000 doctors in Wayne county are paying an assessment of \$25 apiece levied by the Wayne County Medical Society, known as the medical trust, to fight the health provisions of the Wagner-Murray-Dingell social security bill now before Congress in Washington.

The Wayne \$50,000 fund is part of the state fund and it is assumed that other units of the American Medical Assn. are joining in the lobbying against the measure that would bring better medical service to American families.

Doctors who told Federated Press about the \$25 assessment cautioned against use of their names, saying if the medical trust knew about the leak it would ruin them in their profession.

Sky Pilots To Work in Plants During Summer

Dearborn, Mich. Work in unionized factories in the Detroit area during July and August will be part of the summer schedule of 30 theological students under a plan formulated by Owen M. Geer, pastor of Mt. Olivet Community Church, Dearborn. The men will get union wages for their 40-hour work weeks. Associate director of the plan is Herbert M. Fink, Yale Divinity School, New Haven 11, Conn.

Declare Steel Firms Squeeze Henry Kaiser

New York City

In a joint press conference here Henry J. Kaiser and Joseph W. Frazer, chairman and president of the new Kaiser-Frazer Corporation, charged that the steel industry was putting the squeeze on them because they jumped the gun in signing union contracts.

Accusing the steel industry of discriminating against their new automobile company by refusing tonnage commitments for steel needed to make cars, Frazer said he had been told in Florida the week before that "there was a plan by vested interests to bleed Henry Kaiser to death and get us piece by piece by withholding steel from Kaiser-Frazer Corp. while furnishing it to its competitors."

Frazer related a conversation he had recently with Tom M. Girdler, chairman of Republic Steel, in which the latter said Kaiser's signing of a wage contract for his Fontana, Calif., steel works when almost the whole industry was shut down by the United Steelworkers had affected the attitude of the steel industry toward the Kaiser interests.

According to Frazer, Girdler also said he regarded as unfair the signing of a wage contract by the Kaiser-Frazer Corp. when General Motors Corp. was struck. Girdler later denied that he had made such statements, but admitted that Republic had turned down the Kaiser-Frazer request for steel because all its 1946 production "already had been allocated among Republic's regular prewar customers."

CONCILIATION BOARD NEEDS CONCILIATION

Washington, D. C.

It may take the joint efforts of the entire labor movement to help solve a revolt within the ranks of the U. S. conciliation service. The conciliators are riled at their boss, Director Edgar L. Warren.

Usually smooth and smiling, Warren was made unhappy with the release of a letter said to be signed by a majority of his 259 conciliators protesting against Warren's hiring a group of former Natl. War Labor Board employees.

The committee of ruffled conciliators wrote that Warren "is out to War Labor Boardize" the federal service and their letter called upon present conciliators to "step out of character and defend the service and your jobs from people who wish to use it as a political patronage dumping ground."

Warren retorted he would welcome an investigation, adding he "deplored this morning's United Press story."

The letter of the anonymous conciliators suggested that unless the situation were corrected, they would appeal to "organized labor, industry and the press."

Warren's action naming five former WLB officials to key regional posts in the conciliation service prompted the protest.

Many Key Nazis Stay In Industrial Posts, Labor Group Reports

Berlin, Germany

Many Nazis are still in important posts in German industry and are able to hamper union growth, according to the report of the Trade Unions special commission investigating conditions under the Allied occupation.

Rejecting the excuse given by Allied officers that some Nazis with technical skill are "indispensable," the report says: "There can be no 'indispensable' Nazi. De-Nazification can and must be given priority over any desire to achieve maximum productivity."

WAREHOUSEMEN 890 WIN NLRB VICTORY IN CASE WITH WATSONVILLE FIRM

In a far-reaching decision announced by the National Labor Relations Board's western division last week, Warehousemen and Teamsters Union 890 of Salinas was named bargaining agent for employees of the Western Frozen Foods Co. at Watsonville, and the company was instructed to end its efforts to bring in a Fresno union to represent workers.

Peter A. Andrade, secretary-treasurer of Local 890, said the NLRB decision upheld union charges against the company of unfair labor practices, coercing employees to join the Fresno union (Chemical Workers), and refusing to recognize Local 890 as bargaining agent.

Local 890 won an election in September, 1944, at the plant, and had a signed agreement for one year. When negotiation started on a new agreement, the company wrote the NLRB and requested an election between the union and the company. The NLRB notified the company that such an election was impossible.

Countering with the Fresno union, the company attempted to put Local 890 from jurisdiction. Local 890 brought the case before the NLRB late last year, with the victory resulting in a decision last week. The western NLRB decision must still be approved by the national board in Washington.

In a statement to the employees of the Western Frozen Foods Co., Andrade traced the history of the case as follows:

"TO ALL OF THE WESTERN FROZEN FOODS EMPLOYEES, GREETINGS!

"The Fruit and Produce Drivers, Warehousemen and Employees Union Local 890, offer the following true story of events concerning our dispute with this Employer, leading up to the present date.

"In September of 1944, our Union won an election at the Western Frozen Foods where you are presently employed. After going through the necessary processes, including the U. S. Conciliation Service and the War Labor Board, we were successful in procuring an agreement, which, although it was not what the Union had expected, it was much better than the conditions which existed before the Union entered the picture. Our people worked under that agreement for one year.

"Prior to the expiration date of the agreement, which was October, 1945, the workers met at the Watsonville Labor Temple and proposed a new agreement. The workers demands included a minimum of 90c per hour for women and a minimum of \$1.05 per hour for men. In approaching the company's representative, we were informed that if the old agreement was accepted, they would sign immediately with the Union. They used as an excuse that they were fearful the CIO might intervene. That approach having failed, the company then wrote the National Labor Relations Board, requesting an election between the company and the union. This was done on Oct. 11, 1945. This having failed, the company then gave the workers 50c per hour raise. All of this took place while the union was in negotiations with the company's representative.

"The company was immediately informed that unless they dealt fairly with the union, that unfair labor practices would be instituted against them. They then 'pulled one out of the hat'—through a bit of conniving, they shut the plant down and brought in from Fresno, California, some Maintenance Mechanics and Helpers, who were members of the Chemical Workers Union, whom they had an agreement with at their plant in Fresno. The Chemical Workers Union immediately began organizing the people as they returned back to work.

"In the meantime, our agreement had expired. Our Union immediately instituted charges against the Company and the Chemical Workers with the government, charging the Company with unfair labor practices and also charging them with coercing the workers into joining an organization against their will. The National Labor Relations Board, through process of taking testimony from many witnesses, found the charges worthy of prosecution.

"Our Union is pleased to report that the Company's attorneys have recently signed a settlement of agreement. This settlement includes that some of the people who were discharged for refusing to join a Company dominated Union, are to be paid for all time lost from work. The Company also agreed to reinstate these people on their original jobs with full seniority status. Also, that all supervisory help were

to immediately cease from participating in any Union activities and that notices were to be posted in the Company's plant attesting that any overt act committed in the future by Company representatives or officials of the Chemical Workers Union would be subject to contempt and the Board would then act without recourse to hearings. We are now awaiting the Board's signature on the settlement of Agreement before notices can be posted in the plant.

"Many of our members will now be able to return to their jobs without any further interference of the part of the people found guilty. The Company, having failed to let itself of a bona fide, legitimate Union, will now have to let the people decide for themselves who shall bargain for them. This will prevent any more of those 'back door' deals with the Chemical Workers.

"We are pleased to report also that our Union will very shortly open an office in Watsonville to serve our members who are employed at the various ice houses and canneries, as well as the many produce drivers and our members who are at present employed at the Western Frozen Foods Company.

"We are glad to report also that recently we have negotiated agreements in plants calling for wages of .925c per hour minimum for women and \$1.05 per hour minimum for men, as well as many other benefits which can only be brought about through fair and equitable negotiations between a bona fide Union and the Employer.

"IMPORTANT—On Wednesday, March 13, our Union met with Mr. LaValle of the Western Frozen Foods Company and agreed to an increase in wages for all Western Frozen Foods employees during a period of two or three months, until the Labor Board finally settles the entire case. It was agreed that such a raise would in no way be less than the wages proposed for the Canneries who we are in negotiations with for wages—90 to \$1.05 minimum for women and \$1.05 to \$1.25 per hour minimum for men.

"We wish to impress upon those members who joined the Chemical Workers that there is no feeling of animosity against them. These people were doing the right thing for themselves, as organization is new to many of them. They were not aware of the fact that the workers of America are guaranteed the right under the laws of the United States to unite themselves with such a Union as they choose without any interference from the supervisory help of the employer. Please feel that you are welcome to come to any meeting of Local 890. Let us band together with Local 890 that will continue to work for the people and not the employer, to bargain for hours, wages, working conditions and that you shall have recourse to any grievance you may have. REMEMBER these rights are yours under the law, but you must have proper representation to see that these conditions are carried out.

"In closing, our Union wishes to thank all of our people who, during the months when they were pushed around by those company dominated forces of the Western Frozen Foods plant, for their loyalty to something they believed in. These people join with the rest of our Union members in welcoming all the employees of the Western Frozen Foods Company back into Local 890, so that we may jointly acquire a decent working agreement from that Company, which you will be able to work under with pride.

—PETER A. ANDRADE, L. U. 890."

Detroit Labor Council Chief In 28th Term

Detroit, Michigan

Pres. Frank X. Martel of the Detroit and Wayne County Federation of Labor (AFL) begins his 28th consecutive year in that office this month, having been renominated unopposed.

The federation delegates voted him a \$20 a week raise.

Army or People?



Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, physicist chiefly responsible for A-bomb, urges civilian and world control of atomic energy.

Stabilizing Policy Is Explained

(State Federation of Labor Release)

San Francisco, Calif.

The office of Economic Stabilization has just issued regulations governing wage increases under the new Wage-Price policy. The most salient feature under these new regulations concern wage increases which do not involve immediate price increases. If an employer feels that a wage increase can be granted without necessitating immediate price relief, he may put the wage increase into effect at once, without any approval, but he must file a notice with Wage Stabilization indicating what wage adjustments have been made. If after six months, he finds that a price increase is necessary, he may then apply for approval, which, if granted, can be used as a basis for a request for price relief.

Under the present policy, all wage increases agreed to before February 14, 1946, and put into effect before March 15, 1946, do not need approval. All wage increases made between Feb. 14 and March 15 may be put into effect without approval, but approval must be applied for within 30 days, if price relief is required.

"APPROVAL" TYPES

Certain types of adjustment have been granted "preapproval"; that is, they may be put into effect without any approval. These include vacations of one week after one year's employment and two weeks after five years' employment, and shift differentials of 5 cents and 10 cents. Similarly, any wage increases designed to conform with wage patterns established by the National Wage Stabilization Board for an industry or area may be considered approved and put into effect without further confirmation from the Wage Stabilization Board.

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Unions Can Get Copies of AFL Monthly Survey

San Francisco, Calif.

Because of the significance of the January and February issues of the A. F. of L.'s "Labor's Monthly Survey," extra copies may be obtained by interested unions by contacting Frank E. Fenton, Director of Organization, American Federation of Labor, AFL Building, Washington, D. C.

The A. F. of L.'s philosophy in regard to free collective bargaining and the achievements made by the AFL in obtaining wage increases for its membership, are dealt with in the January and February issues, and the material contained in them should be extremely helpful to the various affiliated organizations.

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Watch Prices!

(State Federation of Labor Release)

San Francisco, Calif.

The pressure on price control is increasing in severity, necessitating additional help on the part of organized labor, especially at the community level, in order to effectuate the OPA price control policy. Since the OPA policy is laid down in Washington, it is important that it be made effective on the lower levels where the price control act must be enforced.

Many labor people are needed on price panels. The numerous complaints which are being received on price violations cannot possibly be investigated unless alert and conscientious members of the price panels are available.

An understanding has been reached with OPA that labor is entitled to representation in ratio to the number of workers in any community. At the present time this ratio is far from being represented. Local unions and Central Councils, or their officers, should submit to OPA district offices a list of persons who may represent labor, from both local unions and women's auxiliaries, on these price panels. The "Federation urges that the unions do everything possible to provide such vitally necessary representation."

She Sells 'Em!



Publicity men find starlet Mimi Berry helpful in selling bathing suits. Any suit's okay, worn by Mimi. (Federated Pictures)

THE COW'S HUSBAND



"Of course, we will starve to death before we will strike down the bars and let whites and blacks go to school together."—SENATOR RUSSELL of Georgia.

Teachers Award Honors to Amer. Science Groups

New York City

The New York Teachers Union annual award for education for democracy was presented recently to the Federation of American Scientists for "outstanding leadership in educating the American people for international control of atomic power and its use for peace and abundance."

Accepting the award on behalf of more than 90 per cent of the scientists who developed the atomic bomb as well as scientists in other fields who have been organizing since Sept. 1945, the federation's chairman, W. A. Higginbotham, warned that "powerful forces would mobilize science on a fascist pattern under military control for war alone."

"Atomic energy and science as a whole belong to the people of the U. S. and the world," he said, demanding control of atomic power by a civilian commission responsible to the government, control by the UNO and freedom for atomic research.

YOU AND YOUR JOB What You Should Know About Law

Wagner Act and Farm Workers

It is often asked why farm workers aren't given protection under the Wagner Act. The reason is simply because the act specifically excludes from its coverage "any individual employed as an agricultural laborer, or in the domestic service of any family or person at his home, or any individual employed by his parent or spouse." (New legislation backed by labor seeks to blanket in such workers.)

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The Labor Editor Speaks

THEY JUST LOVE LABOR!

That the Republican Party leadership is still intellectually bankrupt is shown conclusively in a leaflet issued recently for mass distribution entitled "Labor Is Fed Up!" The Republican high command knows that it cannot get anywhere without splitting the labor vote. In this leaflet, one G. Don Loudon, the "Director of Labor Relations" for the GOP, tries to take advantage of labor dissatisfaction with certain wage-price policies of the administration to make hay while the sun shines.

Labor has its own quarrel with what's been going on in Washington—both in Congress and the White House, but there is no hope in the present top Republican Party leadership. If you will inspect the voting records in Congress carefully, you will find that on almost every issue where the welfare of the workers is concerned, the majority of the Republican congressmen line up with the poll-tax Democrats of the South against the workers. The leadership of the Republican Party has learned little in ten years. It still raves against "government interference"; it still opposes public power projects; it still opposes the principle of full employment; it would like to see the lid removed from price control; it is still against the extension of social security; it calls everything that interferes with private profit at the expense of the workers—"state socialism" or "communism."

Here in California we don't want any more Jack Andersons in Congress, but we DO want a lot more George Outlands, Ellis Pattersons, Helen Douglasses and George Millers. Party labels don't mean anything, but voting records do, and how that Republican voting record does stink!

WRITE—AND DON'T DELAY!

Immediate hearings are scheduled to be resumed on the Wagner-Murray-Dingell national health insurance proposals. This program is being bitterly fought by the American Medical Association, the drug trust, the patent medicine crowd, the daily press in general and the reactionaries who oppose anything which prevents them from charging all the traffic will bear. If this fine measure is to get out of committee and onto the floor for a favorable vote, the pressure will have to come from Organized Labor. As an individual, write your Senator and Congressman now to support the program!

FROM RUGGED TO RAGGED

One of our leading labor-baiters says that unions are un-American and that if we are going to preserve individual initiative each worker must be rewarded on his merits and must dicker individually with his employer. So when you want a raise, Mr. John Steelworker, all you have to do is to walk right up to the United States Steel Corporation all by yourself and make it eat out of your hand!

NO MONOPOLY ON SNOBBERY

We make a lot of fun of the inhabitants of India because of their fantastic caste system, but are they any worse than we who refuse to consider servants and agricultural laborers as people and deny them the protection of our social security system?

HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL

Some people's idea of free enterprise is to have everybody constantly trying to skin everybody else, with the skinned many thanking the Lord they haven't been skinned worse and still hoping to move up some day into the ranks of the skinner few.

UPLIFT IN WASHINGTON

Another thing that makes the billion Asiatics look to the United States for "moral leadership" is the lofty espousal of racial brotherhood in the House and Senate by our poll-tax Nordics from the Solid South.

AT THE END OF THE RAINBOW

Alice-In-Wonderland solution of our economic problem: Raise wages, then raise prices to exceed the wage raises, then wait for prosperity to come as the workers can't buy back what they produce!

WHY BRING THAT UP?

If rival labor groups spent half as much money fighting exploiters as they spend in fighting each other, there might be a lot more in the pay envelope for everybody.

WHEN IGNORANCE IS BLISS

One of the biggest current laughs is the belief in some quarters that only one nation in this whole world is maintaining an international spy system.

DOGS VERSUS MEN

A lot of folks who think the only worth-while cause on earth is anti-vivisection are the same ones who read of Hitler's murder of 5 million Jews without batting an eye.

GIGGLES AND GROANS

NOTHING THAT SIMPLE

A traveling man walking down the street in a small town met a street sweeper going about his duty. He walked up to him and asked: "Say partner, can you tell me where I'll find a hotel in this one horse town?"

The street sweeper looked up at the traveler and said: "Brother, if you had my job you would know this is no ONE horse town."

WORLD-SHAKING EVENT

A seaman who was due to become a father was anxiously awaiting word from his home in Florida. At the same time the recent hurricane was blowing down there. He asked the Red Cross to contact his home and advise him of the condition of things there. A Red Cross Worker made this reply, not realizing how it would sound at the other end:

"Wife gave birth to a son this morning, house blown off the block, everything all wet."

THE MISERY OF LOVE

"I love you—OUCH!"
"I love you—OUCH!"
And there you have the story of two porcupines necking.

JUST QUEER PEOPLE

A horse went into a diner and ordered a hamburger with onions. "Okay," said the counterwoman and brought him one. Soon the horse ordered another hamburger. "Coming up," said the counterwoman.

"Now look," said the horse. "I didn't mention it the first time, but you've left off the onions again."

Another customer, very amazed, nudged his friend. "Say," he whispered, "see that horse eating hamburger?"

"Yeah," said the friend. "That's the service you get nowadays. . . they'll leave off the onions every time."

QUICK ON THE UPTAKE

A film director had been on location for two weeks and in the course of making the picture had fallen head-over-heels in love with the leading lady. Upon his return, rumors of the affair had reached the director's wife.

On the night of his homecoming, they retired. The director dropped off to sleep, and soon was talking in his slumbers: "Darling, you know I love you. You're more to me than anything else on earth." Suddenly he awakened, glanced at his wife's hostile face, and sensed the situation. Immediately he turned over, pretended he was still asleep, and remarked: "Cut! Now bring in the horses."

EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION

GOIT: "Why is it that men have hair on their chests?"

MOIT: "Oh well, we girls can't have everything."

EXTENSIVE REPERTOIRE

SAILOR—"Darling, you are the eighth wonder of the world."

GIRL FRIEND—"Fine, but don't let me catch you out with any of the other seven."

REWARD OF TRUTH

"Poaching again, Willie," muttered the judge, glaring balefully at the grinning dandy before him.

"I'm afraid you're a bad egg," "Yassuh, I sho is," was the surprising reply, "jes' a plain bad egg."

"Oh, so you admit it?" barked the judge.

"Yassuh, I admits it, beenz, you know, jedge, dem bad eggs nebbeh poaches, suh."

And Willie was acquitted.

ONE TRACK MIND

"In times of trial," said the preacher, "what brings us the greatest comfort?"

And from the back row an answering voice, "An acquittal!"

SIMPLE PROCEDURE

JUNIOR—"Pop, how do they catch crazy men?"

POP—"Oh, that's easy. A little rouge and lipstick, a hair-do and a pretty dress."

LEST WE FORGET

"In England, at one time under the so-called Conspiracy Statutes, workmen found guilty of collective activity with fellow workmen were branded with hot irons. Some had their noses slit. In other cases the workers' noses were cut off; one or both ears amputated, and many workers were imprisoned."

This, and one other quotation from John Frey's book, "Craft Unions of Ancient and Modern Times" will help serve to remind us that a couple of hundred years ago in England and America it took more guts to be a union man and face your employer than to be a soldier and face a mere cannon.

In America, employers before the Revolution were of course very religious, and they made full use of religion in suppressing unionism. In Massachusetts they said that demands by certain craftsmen for a raise contributed to "the dishonor of God, the scandal of the Scriptures and the grief of divers of God's people."

THE MARCH OF LABOR



THE TRUTH ABOUT UNIONS, by Leo Huberman. Published by Pamphlet Press (Reynal and Hitchcock), New York. Price \$1. If every American read Leo Huberman's *The Truth About Unions*, Westbrook Pegler would be out of a job before you could say William Randolph Hearst.

This simply-written, beautifully illustrated 87-page book is the definitive answer to the professional labor-baiters who spread lies, rumors and misinformation about the 14 million men and women who proudly carry union cards.

Huberman, author of *The Labor Spy Racket*, America Inc. and other books, x-rays the labor movement—its structure, its functions, its benefits—and finds it one of the healthiest factors in American life.

Here is the story of the day-to-day routine of unions which has been generally kept from the public by the press and radio policy of playing up only the sensational aspects of unions and the rare misdeeds of a few labor leaders.

Opening with the thesis: "Workers, unorganized, are weak. Workers, organized, are strong. That's why workers join unions," the book traces labor's battle for the right to organize up to the passage of the Wagner act in July 1935 and clearly defines labor's rights under present laws.

Best lesson for Pegler students is the chapter on how Joe Worker joins a local union, learns about initiation fees, union dues, union meetings, the local's bowling team, its financial setup, how it elects officers, its political activities and its relations with the rest of the labor movement. The step-by-step analysis of a typical local should dispel whatever misconceptions have been planted in the minds of the people by the fables about sinister, mysterious union activities.

Aside from analyzing the structure and activities of the AFL, CIO and railroad unions, Huberman deals frankly and clearly with such other questions as company unions, jurisdictional disputes, feather-bedding, racketeering, strikes, the closed shop and union democracy. Particularly valuable to unionists is a directory of American unions classified according to industry and affiliation and giving approximate membership figures for 1944.

"When unions are killed, democracy also dies," Huberman says. This is one of the best testaments to a strong, wide-awake labor movement that has ever come off the presses.

—F. P.

News of Pockbooks

New 25c Pockbook issues, read for the stands in the near future

Striped Bass is Bashful, Scarce

The expected spring run of striped bass just isn't running, according to our experts who have probed the bay at several spots with a hungry hook. A few scattered strippers have been weighed in during the past week, some off the Marin islands and a limit hooked off the mouth of Petaluma Creek. This latter spot is about as good as any. Only small boats can get in on the shallows. Connection Slough and Middle River have been producing some strippers ranging up to 20 pounds. Mokelumne and San Joaquin rivers have also produced a few.

include: "Madame Curie," by Eve Curie; "Dragonwyck," by Anya Seton; "Taps for Private Tussie," by Jesse Stuart; "Lust for Life," by Irving Stone; "Freedom Road," by Howard Fast; and the poems of Robert Frost, edited by Louis Untermeyer.

Pockbook publishers announce that "The Atomic Age Opens," brought out only three weeks after the bombing of Hiroshima, has already sold 250,000 copies.—AES.



"It says here," said Mr. Dilworth, "that the only way the U. S. will solve its reconversion problems is through production, and more production, and more production, and . . ."

"Just say 'through the speedup,' Little Luther suggested. 'That's shorter and keeps you from sounding like a broken record.'"

"Be that as it may," Mr. Dilworth continued, "I have now in part acceded to your outrageous demands for a share in my profits and . . ."

"You mean you've finally given me an 18½c hourly raise, old boy. Talk English, why don't you? And besides, I thought Eric Johnston, president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, was in favor of profit-sharing."

"Please don't mention the English, son," Mr. Dilworth begged. "They're so confusing. Hearst persuades me they're red fascist socialists, nationalizing everything. . . . Then Scripps-Howard shows me what fine people they are, blasting away at the socialist fascist Reds, or whatever it is, or something."

"Getting a little blurred around the edges as the years wear on, aren't you, Pop?" suggested Little Luther solicitously. "Let's just talk about Eric Johnston, then, for a while."

"A fine man, Luther, a splendid man, and quite attractive to the ladies, too, they tell me. He's in the movies now, you know."

"Yes," said Little Luther, "but I notice Garson took Gable, just the same. What I'm interested in, however, is his profit-sharing plan."

"His profit-sharing plan, yes, harrumph," said Mr. D. "Very clever, that. You'll notice, Luther, he doesn't propose to give the employees a share in the profit every payday. No, indeed. Just once a year, at the end of the year, if it can be proven the firm has a profit by then. Gives the bookkeepers a little time to work on the problem, don't you know. And just like Kaiser-Fraser, if a man doesn't keep his nose clean for a year. . . ."

"Well, how about cutting me in for a little of your profits on the Dilworth Damask & Dimity Diaper Co., then?" asked his son.

"Splendid idea, son, splendid. Nothing better! We'll revoke the 18½c raise and once a year we'll cut you in on the profits. If there are any, of course. And if you keep your little nose clean. No more strikes. No more picketing. No more bad language, like calling people 'scab,' etc. Nothing in the Errand Boys & Daddy's Little Helpers Union News calling me nasty names. And so on."

"You keep your profits," Little Luther announced. "I'll take my 18½c."

"Alec! Alec! You're ruining me!" moaned Mr. Dilworth.

Say Musk Ox Mission Part Of Plans for Russian War

New York City

The U. S. Army is cooperating with a Canadian secret mission into the Arctic, known as Operation Musk Ox, to test weapons and material and prepare plans for a possible war against Russia. In fact, weekly newsletter, charges.

Planned last November, the 3100-mile expedition into uncharted regions is officially assigned to gather information on possible military operations in climate similar to that in the portion of the Soviet Union closest to the U. S. and Canada. Accompanying the Canadian secret mission, which left for the Arctic on the same day the Canadian government launched its atomic spy campaign against Russia, are five high-ranking U. S. Army officers and one British officer. In fact said.

ARCTIC WAR TESTS

Acting in close liaison with the Canadian mission is a U. S. Navy task force of three destroyers and the 45,000-ton super-carrier Midway which is now in the Arctic testing the ability of new carrier and jet planes to operate in extremely cold climates. The navy's test is a prelude to a full-scale Arctic operation to involve all types of ships, in fact said.

The Musk Ox expedition began Feb. 15 and is due to end in May. Under test, according to In fact, will be the effect of sub-zero temperatures on new weapons, performance of new types of snowmobiles, effect of the aurora borealis on radio signals, suitability of various types of food and clothing and behavior of magnetic compasses. Air force units will test feasibility of keeping ground troops in snowy wastes supplied by plane.

"Linked to the Musk Ox venture is the entire history of U. S.-Anglo-Soviet relations which have deteriorated since President Truman's statement that this country would not share its atom 'secret,'" In fact said.

PROFITEERS CONTINUING OPA ATTACK

Washington, D. C.

Friends of the profiteers in Congress are leaving no flank untouched in their battle against OPA. While the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers and the real estate lobbies press the attack directly on price control and housing legislation, the Senate quietly cut in half the deficiency funds badly needed to operate OPA and Civilian Production Administration the next four months until the laws are renewed.

That action is "good news for the gougers, the black marketers and the selfish speculators," Stabilization Director Chester Bowles predicted. The news brought such joy to the real estate lobby that the weekly newsletter of the Natl. Assn. of Real Estate Boards predicted "the end of OPA is in sight."

Meanwhile, some OPA officials are giving in to industry pressure and expanding the bulge in the price line by granting price increases right and left. OPA has granted more than 5000 price increases since V-J Day. The argument is that the increases are or items which won't affect living costs very much, but add up a couple of cents on clothes, a couple of cents on food, a couple of cents on various household items, and the total effect strains the pocketbook. Every price increase encourages industry to ask for more and hold up on production until it gets them.

The people who are fighting for legislation to renew price control have a right to expect OPA officials to keep their bulge from expanding—and it's up to Bowles and Price Administrator Paul A. Porter to hold the line.

Padway Probes Stiff Jail Sentences For AFL Union Officials

Washington, D. C.

AFL Gen. Counsel Joseph A. Padway was instructed to investigate the circumstances surrounding the severe sentences recently given George D. Hardman and Jay C. Turner, local AFL officials, in an Alexandria, Va., police court. The request came from AFL Pres. William Green and the Washington Central Labor Union.

Hardman and Turner were given sentences of 3 months in jail and \$250 fine in January on charges preferred by J. Fred Kirchner, political henchman of Rep. Howard W. Smith (D., Va.). The "politicized" congressman, a bitter foe of organized labor, made violent protests when the case was mentioned on the House floor by Rep. Charles R. Savage (D., Wash.).



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CENTRAL LABOR UNION (MONTEREY COUNTY)—Meets every Friday evening at 8 p.m. at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts. Pres., Peter A. Andrade, phone 4893. Secy.-Treas., George Harter, 422 N. Main, phone 5721. Council Negotiation Committee: Albert Harris, phone 4893; George Harter, phone 5721.

CULINARY ALLIANCE 467—No regular meetings scheduled, and subject only to call. Secretary Bertha A. Boles. Office at Teamsters Hall, Main and John Sts., phone 6209.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets the first Tuesday in each month at the Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8:00 p.m. C. B. Phillips, Bus. Mgr. Phone 3361, 25 Harvest St. E. M. Bills, Pres. Phone 6524.

ENGINEERS (OPERATING) 165—Meets 2nd Monday at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., at 8 p.m. Pres., C. R. Ingersoll, P.O. Box 2, Freedom. Secretary, Harry Vosburgh, 404 California St., Salinas, phone 4972.

LABORERS 272—Meets second Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. R. Fenchel, Pres., 17 Railroad Ave.; J. F. Mattos, Sec., 140 Lang St., Salinas; J. B. McGinley, Bus. Agent, office at 117 Pajaro St.

LATHERS UNION NO. 463—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple second and fourth Fridays, 8 p.m. President, Roy R. Benge, Hilby St., Monterey, Phone Monterey 4820; Sec.-Treas., Dean S. Seefeldt, 526 Park St., Salinas. Phone 9223.

LAUNDRY WORKERS 252—Meets on call in Teamsters Hall, Main and John Streets. Mildred Clayton, president and business agent. Phone 4717.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 117 Pajaro Street at 7:30 p.m. Pres., Earl Ross. Fin. Secy. and Business Agent, Donald McBeth, 1014 Le Costa Street, phone 4126. Recording Secy., Dennis Hartman, 614 Mae Ave., phone 8783.

PLASTERERS 763—Meets second and fourth Friday of the month at 8:00 p.m., at Rodeo Cafe; Fred Randon, Secretary, 31 Buena Vista, Salinas, phone 1423; Pres., Don Frick.

PLUMBERS AND STEAM FITTERS' UNION LOCAL 503—Meets Second Wednesday of each month, 8:00 p.m., Salinas Labor Temple, Pres., Al Eversley; Recording Secretary, William Farr; Financial Secretary, C. Russell Walker, 312-B Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 9259. Office at 215 E. Alisal St., Phone 3463. Ex. Board meets each Tuesday night at Labor Temple.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets every 3rd Monday alternately at homes of members at 8:30 p.m. President, L. E. Pierce, 43 Romer Lane, phone 3173. Secretary, H. C. Schiereke, 636 El Camino Real, No., phone 7080.

PRESSMEN 328—Meets last Tuesday of month, alternating between Salinas and Watsonville. Pres., Milo Wingard, 339 West St., Salinas. Secretary, Milo Martella, 225 Monterey St., Salinas.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 3rd Friday, 8 p.m., Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres., E. E. Lehr, 142 11th St., Pacific Grove. Sec., Frank Walker, 327 Alexander St., Salinas, phone 9668.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey at 411 1/2 Alvarado St., and at Salinas at 117 Pajaro St. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres., John Alsop, P.O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 7825. Fin. and Rec. Secy., F. F. Knowles, 232 River St., Santa Cruz, phone 1276-J. Bus. Agent for Salinas area, J. B. McGinley, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 6777. Bus. Agent for Monterey, L. T. Long, 411 1/2 Alvarado St., Monterey.

STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES 420—Meets on call at Labor Temple. Pres., R. H. Clinch, 348 1/2 West Street. Vice-Pres., H. E. Lyons, 15 West Street. Secy.-Treas., R. M. Allen, 124 East Alisal Street.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS 20616—President, J. Collins; Secretary-Treasurer, E. Morasse; Recording secretary, H. Dies. Meet in Forrester's Hall, Salinas, 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

TEAMSTERS 287—Meets first Wednesday in Oct., Jan., April, July at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., Salinas, phone 7590.

THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611—Meets first Tuesday every other month 10 a.m. in Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres., Art Reina, 605 Mae Ave., Phone 9795; Bus. Agent, James Wilson, 80 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, Phone 1216; Rec. Sec., Chas. Covey, 364 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION No. 543—R. C. Sprague, Salinas. Pres.; A. C. Davis, Sec.-Treas., 109 Prospect St., Watsonville. Meets last Sunday, alternating between Watsonville and Salinas.

WAREHOUSEMEN 890—Meets first Tuesday night at Teamsters' Hall, John and Main streets. Office at same address, phone 4893. President, Albert Harris. Secretary, W. G. Kenyon. Financial secretary and business representative, Peter A. Andrade.

With Local 890 FRUIT & PRODUCE DRIVERS, WAREHOUSEMEN AND EMPLOYEES UNION

Main and John Streets
Salinas, California

Salinas - Watsonville Division

IMPORTANT—TO ALL PRODUCE DRIVERS—

There will be a special meeting on Thursday evening, March 28th, at the Foresters' Hall, next to the El Rey theatre. Meeting time, 8:00 p.m. sharp. It is important that you attend. Have your dues book with you. This perhaps may be the last meeting before the lettuce season begins. Your new contract will be discussed at that meeting.

ATTENTION ALL EMPLOYEES AT SPIEGEL FOODS COMPANY—

At our next regular meeting which will be held at the Foresters Hall the first Tuesday in April, you are to pick a negotiating committee in order that we may be able to prepare an agreement before the expiration of our present agreement to cover the freezing operations of that company.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS IN THE WATSONVILLE AREA—

Please attend your next regular meeting which will be held at the Watsonville Labor Temple, Monday, April 1, at 8 p.m. All employees of Western Frozen Foods are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

ATTENTION ALL EMPLOYEES AT WESTERN FROZEN FOODS COMPANY—

In spite of the difficulties arising from our present dispute with the company because of interference on the part of the Chemical Workers Union, the Union has agreed with the Western Frozen Foods representatives that all people be raised to be in line with the cannery scale temporarily until this dispute is settled. Please read the story on the front cover of this paper. In any event, you are invited to attend any or all of our meetings which are held in the Watsonville district.

TO ALL MEMBERS—It is important that you do not allow your dues to go delinquent. Unless they are paid on or before the 15th of

the current month you will not be eligible for sick and death benefits in the event you get sick or disabled.

In the event you are unemployed, please come in to the office of the Union and take out an honorable Withdrawal Card. Do not let your dues go delinquent while unemployed.

To assist the American Red Cross, you may make your contributions at your regular place of employment or at the office of the Union.

IMPORTANT! Your constitution and by-laws include a clause which compels all members to be registered voters. Remember that June primaries will be very important and we have many enemies in State, Federal and Municipal jobs that should be removed and replaced with friends of Labor; and unless you are registered to vote you will not be able to cast your ballot in the June primaries.

We notice a laxity on the part of many of our members not wearing their Union buttons. The Business Agents and Shop Stewards are going to ask you to produce your dues book in the event you are not wearing your button on the job; and you may have a 50c fine charged against you which will have to be paid before your dues.

The following members received sick benefit checks this week: Martha Morrow, Salinas; John M. Wells, Salinas.

ALONG CANNERY ROW

(AFL Fish Cannery Workers)
Monterey, Calif.

A new contract was signed last week covering Fish Cannery Workers, the first time in the union's history that such a contract was signed at the end of a season, instead of just prior to a new season.

This means an increase of 16 to 19 cents per hour, 20 to 25 per cent, for most workers throughout the summer months. All classifications of employees gained from the new contract as signed.

Under the contract, the union retained the 8-hour day, with time-and-one-half for overtime, the same vacation classes and in general the same working conditions.

Union negotiation committee members are in for a lot of high praise for their work in getting the contract consummated at this time, without threat of a disruption of work and with the substantial gains applying all summer.

Carmel Canning Co., which was rocked by an explosion which wrecked the boilerroom and the huge new boiler, may be able to fix up a smaller, utility boiler, and carry on the proposed summer pack of squid, union officials said last week.

The \$60,000 blast sent Fireman Nolan Hodges, a union member, to the hospital with injuries and the flying timbers and other debris as result of the explosion injured two clerical workers in the adjoining California Packing Corp.

Front of the building and the roof were wrecked, and the new boiler blown apart. The smaller boiler had the front jarred off but company officials say they hope to have this small boiler in condition for the squid run.

Moss Landing has its own local union of fish cannery workers now—the Moss Landing Branch of the Fish Cannery Workers Union of the Pacific, San Francisco Bay Area. George Isel, former business agent of our union, organized the new group, which had asked to be released from affiliation with our union.

Charlie Evans has been playing nurse to his wife, who has been ill. He says he takes turn caring for her and then tending his rose gardens.

Manila Dock Strike Wins 40% Increase

A 13-day walkout, involving nearly 10,000 stevedores, who had tied up all civilian and military cargo, ended in Manila last week with a victory of the striking workers. The strike secured the dockers pay raises of 40 per cent.

With all this talk about the Army's top brass, don't forget that there's a lot of ivory out there also. —LABOR LEADER.

WHY SCIENCE URGES CIVILIAN CONTROL OVER ATOMIC POWER: Army Control to Precipitate Huge Armaments Race

Knowledge of certain facts about the atomic bomb they made brought America's leading scientists out of their laboratories at Los Alamos, Oak Ridge, Chicago, New York and California to protest U. S. military control of atomic energy for continued bomb production. Here are the facts they want the people to know:

1. THE ATOMIC BOMB INCREASED THE DESTRUCTIVENESS OF EXPLOSIVES BY SEVERAL MILLION-FOLD.

One bomber could wipe out a medium-sized U. S. city in a single blow. A fleet of a thousand bombers with a thousand atomic bombs could virtually destroy the U. S. and kill 40 million people in one surprise night operation. Much more powerful atomic bombs are in prospect.

2. THERE IS NO DEFENSE AGAINST THE ATOMIC BOMB.

Defenses might conceivably be set up to keep unidentified airplanes out of bombing range of a city. But atomic explosives can be carried in stratosphere rockets of the V-2 type, launched from ships or submarines at sea and traveling at 3500 miles an hour. Not a single V-2 bomb used by the Nazis against England was ever shot down. Radar might detect approaching bombs but anti-aircraft weapons could not intercept them. Even if only one out of 10 bombs got through, it could still destroy a city.

An atomic bomb could easily be smuggled into a country and set off by prearranged radio signals. Such bombs would be destructive even if planted some distance from the target and would give off no rays permitting detection. Since mines and rockets carry no labels, in a surprise attack we might not know who the enemy was.

3. THE U. S. HAS NO BIG ATOMIC SECRET.

All nations have the basic scientific knowledge from which the atomic bomb was developed. The Smyth Report on Atomic Energy for Military Purposes, released by the War Dept. and available to all nations, gives all the information known in the U. S. up to 1942. The remaining engineering and technical details, now known only to the U. S., Great Britain and Canada, can be worked out by other scientists in six months to a year. Nearly all the details are known to the foreign scientists who assisted us and many of whom are returning to their own countries. Therefore talk of "keeping the secret" merely breeds suspicion in other nations and false complacency in our own.

4. OTHER MAJOR NATIONS CAN HAVE ATOMIC BOMBS IN TWO TO FIVE YEARS.

All major powers have access to the necessary raw materials. Uranium, the critical material, is fairly widely distributed over the earth. The cost is not prohibitive. Any nation which can afford an army or navy can afford atomic bombs.

5. OUT-PRODUCING THE ENEMY IS NOT MUCH ADVANTAGE IN ATOMIC WARFARE.

The U. S. will lose its temporary superiority in five or 10 years no matter how many bombs it makes. In five or 10 years even small countries like Sweden and Holland can have all the atomic energy plants they need. No more than a few thousand bombs would be needed to destroy the greatest nation on earth. In an atomic armaments race the greatest and smallest nations are equal in military position, since 50,000 bombs are no better than 500 and a nation could be wiped out in the first blitzkrieg.

The U. S., because of its great concentration of population, industry and government in a relatively few cities, will actually be in a very weak position 10 years from now. Scattering U. S. population and key industries into cities of less than 100,000, the only even temporary defense possible, would cost an estimated \$300 billion.

6. SINCE THE U. S. WILL BE LEFT DEFENSELESS IN AN ATOMIC ARMAMENTS RACE, IT IS TO OUR INTEREST TO SEE THAT ALL ATOMIC ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS ARE UNDER STRICT INTERNATIONAL INSPECTION AND CONTROL.

An efficient inspection system for the international control or elimination of atomic weapons is technically feasible. It would involve supervision of all uranium mines, control of production of atomic materials, international registration and freedom of movement of scientific and technical personnel, and free and full publication of all scientific findings. The difficulties are not technical but political.

Biggest obstacle to international control would be basing U. S. foreign policy on use of the atomic bomb as a big stick over other nations, the scientists say. Insistence on keeping the "secret" to ourselves and continuing production of the bombs under military control will make other nations rightly suspicious of any international project we would propose. Since the bomb is now ours, it is up to the U. S. to take the initiative for international control. The first step would be constructive legislation for civilian control here.

Labor Protesting Gag on Speakers On Denver Radio

Denver, Colo.

Unique reason given by Station KMYR for cancelling a hard-hitting news program broadcast by two ex-GI editors of Challenge, new weekly paper here, was that the unprecedented heavy response by listeners swamped the station's facilities.

The two newscasters—Graham Dolan and Edward Currie—countered with the charge that political pressure by the Police Dept. and representatives of Sen. Eugene P. Milliken (R) had forced them off the air. Cancellation came after Currie and Dolan lambasted police terror in minority group neighborhoods and Milliken's part in the filibuster against FEPC.

A city-wide protest against the abridgment of free speech was launched by labor, community, veterans, women's, consumers and other organizations. Several Denver businessmen have offered to sponsor the program if the station will permit it to continue and have threatened to withdraw their own programs if studio officials refuse to renew the contract of Challenge.

And It's Not All Work!



There are bright spots in a union president's life and here's proof. These pretty New York hat check girls show Pres. Jay Rubin of New York Hotel Trades Council (AFL) their gratitude after signing of master policies giving them free insurance and hospital care, as provided in contract they won recently. (Federated Pictures).

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**YOUR
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REPORTS**

By

GEORGE E. OUTLAND



A year ago I wrote an article for Reader's Digest, entitled "W. MUST Modernize Congress." Congress had even begun to ask for its own streamlining, for many of us thought we would then be able to serve our people more efficiently. A resolution introduced over a year ago provided for the LaFollette-Monroney Committee to study the reorganization of Congress. Their report has now been released. Its recommendations cover a complete ground running all the way from a redefinition of Congressional fiscal responsibility to suggestions for a Congressional Record including reports of committee sessions, to plans for remodeling the House and Senate Chambers and restaurants.

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

The principal recommendations deal with the cumbersome committee system. Although the American people think of Congress in terms of floor debates and voting records, committees often prove a much more important factor in law-making and absorb much of a Congressman's time. All legislation must be heard and shaped by a committee before it is reported to the floor. There are 33 permanent committees in the Senate, 48 in the House. Many Congressmen belong to far too many, and few of the groups are equipped with staffs trained to evaluate the testimony, conduct the research required by law-making committees.

The LaFollette-Monroney Committee recommends reducing Senate Committees to 16, House groups to 18, limits an individual's service to two in the Senate, one in the House. The report also suggests a clear definition of each committee's job. The requirement would be placed on each chairman to report all legislation promptly to the floor. This would stop such arbitrary practices as "shelving" bills.

Committees would also be provided with a staff of well paid and highly trained experts, and the Capitol's legal services would be expanded. It would also be required of each committee chairman to furnish, along with the approved bill, a digest of the legislation in clear, non-technical language to aid the public and Congress in understanding bills before they are voted upon. Since many Congressmen, in voting for the above recommendations, would be abolishing their own prestige-carrying jobs as chairmen, this will be a true test of Congressional willingness to keep up with the times.

**MORE TIME TO BE
CONGRESSMEN**

Several devices are suggested to relieve a Congressman of his administrative burden which grows heavier every day: An expansion of the Library of Congress Legislative Reference Service, staffed with skilled and expert researchers who can provide any information needed by Congress; a high-calibre administrative assistant in each Congressional office at \$8,000 a year; the creation of a Congressional Personnel Office to put Capitol services on a well-organized basis; the provision of a stenographic pool to tide Congressmen over heavy-mail days; self rule for the District of Columbia which would free many from the dual role of legislator and city councilman for Washington, and which District residents would welcome; settlement of claims against the government by courts rather than by private bill; fixed Congressional recesses to assure a man the chance to get home and observe his constituents' needs first hand; and experimentation with alternate sessions—some days solely devoted to committee work, some to Chamber sessions. All of these devices would give a Congressman time to do his real job, but would not alter the fact that he is one of the few direct links between the American public and its government.

A NEW PHILOSOPHY

Formal majority and minority party policy groups are suggested. The majority group would meet with the President and the whole administration to plan in accordance with the party's publicly announced policy. Thus, parties could at last be held accountable for pledges, campaign promises and announced intentions. The people would have a better chance to check up, a means for clearer understanding of issues, a process for identifying who is really for what.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The report reminds us that the Constitution gave Congress the power of the purse and then proceeds to polish and repair appropriations machinery. Providing adequate staffs, unifying sub-committees, forbidding riders to appropriation bills which either hold up provision of funds, or force passage of unwanted attachments—all are important. However, there is also the danger, because of the report's phrasing, that Congress may be allowed to penny-pinch, to view itself as a grudging lender rather than as a group responsible for providing adequately for public services and welfare. Such use of

money represents a national investment, and pays handsome profits, both tangible and intangible. It is also suggested that Congressional salaries be increased and that Congressmen may, if they desire, participate in the Civil Service retirement plan. Plans are included for registration for lobbyists, the membership of the organizations which they represent, and the source of their funds. This will help us to understand our "pressure-group" government, will not work a hardship against honest representatives of out-in-the-open, organized groups.

**CONGRESS MUST
MODERNIZE NOW**

Much in this report should become reality at once. There is an urgent need for a framework in which Congressmen can act more efficiently. Some things are left out of the report. In spite of the Congressional-Legislative council suggested for the majority party policy group, the problem of better cooperation between the executive and the legislative is not completely solved. Rather there is a bit of calling the name bureaucrat without examining reasons.

I was also sorry to see that the resolution setting up the Committee was not interpreted as giving the power to devise a method to limit debate in the Senate. This permits the outrageous filibuster to continue. It is too bad, as well, that the House Un-American Activities Committee is retained when its functions are better carried out by the F.B.I.

It is now up to Congress, and in the last analysis, to the people, to write legislation which will implement the valuable suggestions in the report. The Congress must act. The people must request such legislation.

Until next week. . .

**Patman Bill Goes
Through, But It's
Awfully Mangled**

Washington, D. C. The Patman housing bill, almost unrecognizable after a week of crippling by Republican and poll-tax Democratic amendments, was passed overwhelmingly by the House. The count was 357 to 24.

Earlier a motion to recommit the bill to committee, a move which would have killed action this session, was defeated 304 to 76.

As passed by the House, the bill limits the powers of Housing Expediter Wilson Wyatt to June 30, 1947. Wyatt had sought a program requiring two years.

Subsidies to manufacturers of building materials, the recognized bottleneck in housing, were knocked out by the southern Democratic-Republican coalition.

Although the heart was taken out of the bill by the House amendments, it still orders price ceilings on new homes, channels scarce materials and establishes priorities for them, and gives veterans preference. It also authorizes federal mortgage insurance of up to \$1 billion and orders a "reasonable profit" on building materials.

The bill is now before the Senate. Organized labor will exert pressure on the upper chamber to restore the essential features of the housing measure.

Rep. Wright Patman (D., Tex.), author of the bill, said he hoped the Senate would reinstate provisions for building materials subsidies and for ceiling prices on existing housing.

**Meat Going Up; Pay
Hike Could Have Been
Paid from Big Profit**

Washington, D. C. Retail meat prices will increase an average of 1 1/2 per cent within a week or two, OPA announced. Stabilization Director Chester Bowles said he had agreed to the increases for packers to pay wage increases "only with extreme reluctance."

Wage increases demanded by packing labor could have been met by Swift, Armour, Wilson and Cudahy without price increases. Combined profits of the Big Four after taxes in 1945 were 270 per cent above 1940 profits, with higher profits expected in 1946, now that excess profits taxes are removed. Workers wages, averaging 62c to 72c an hour before the increase, amounted to only 7 per cent of total operating expense. The wage demands were merely the packers' excuse for a price increase, not the cause.

Rubberneck Tactics

A girl who weighed many an oz. Used language I dare not pronounce. For a fellow unkind Pulled her chair out behind Just to see—so he said—if she'd box.

**Cannery Workers
Pay Scales Said
'Below Standard'**

That wages for cannery workers in California are generally sub-standard is the conclusion reached by a research group whose report is based on statistics published from time to time by the California Dept. of Industrial Relations.

In 1945 the average weekly earnings of fruit and vegetable cannery workers was \$37.33 as compared to the \$53.54 average of workers in manufacturing industries. On an hourly basis, cannery workers made:

In 1943	87 1/2c
In 1944	91c
In 1945	98c

The report declares that average weekly earnings in canning are lower than in nearly all other branches of the food industry. As compared with the \$37.33 weekly in 1945 for cannery workers, worker in other food lines stacked up as follows:

Meat packers	\$53.13
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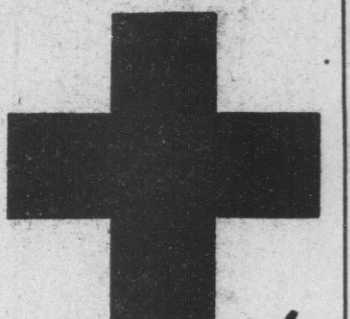
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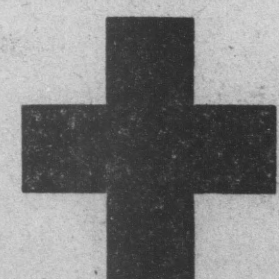
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